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From her upstairs window in Freeport, Maine, Mrs. Trott looks out upon the tidal salt-water Cousins River, where the gulls dipped low about her rooftop as she wrote these poems about her children and husband, and fawns, birds and wildlife. The result has been poems steeped in the "salt water country."

Contributor to numerous magazines and newspapers, winner of various literary prizes, founder of Poetry Day in Maine, member of the editorial board of the Maine Writers' Research Book Club and holder of various other titles and honors, Mrs. Trott is a native of Mt. Vernon, New York, though more closely identified in her work with Maine.

Her poems, acclaimed in various quarters, have been applauded by E. Merrill Root, professor of English at Fordham University, as "unusual and strong as well as lovely"; while Richard V. Westwood, editor of Nature Magazine, commends her for "a deep and sensitive appreciation of nature, and an outstanding ability to express that appreciation."

Enclosed find .......... for which send me ........... copies of SEA MIST AND BALSAM (cloth, $2.50; paper, $1.25).

Name

Address
THE MAINE STATE LIBRARY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

Attention of Mrs. F. W. Jacob, Secretary

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you very much for your kind letter.

Thank you also for your order for SEA MIST AND BALSAM, which will be filled as soon as the books arrive from the publishers.

Mrs. Trott's address is Blueberry Hill, Freeport, Maine, in case you would like to write to her about having SEA MIST AND BALSAM in the Maine Author Collection. The poems are sea and country verses about the State of Maine, so it would seem that they would have a definite place in this collection.

Very truly yours,

THE MAINE POETRY DAY ASSOC.

By Publication Chairman

JAW: BC
October 15, 1957

Mrs. Rosemary Clifford Trott
Blueberry Hill
Freeport, Maine

Dear Mrs. Trott:

Thank you very much indeed for THE PEN WOMAN'S YEAR. We are delighted to have this attractive booklet, and appreciate your thought of us.

We have intended writing to you about your own book, SEA MIST AND BALSAM. We have already ordered it for the library, and we hope that you will want to inscribe a copy for the Maine Author Collection. We look forward to seeing the book, and wish you a most satisfying success with it.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
June 11, 1958

THE MAINE STATE LIBRARY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

ATTENTION OF MRS. HILDA MCLEOD JACOB, LIBRARIAN, IN CHARGE OF MAINE AUTHOR COLLECTION:

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of SEA MIST AND BALSAM for the Maine Author Collection, which I would like to give to THE MAINE STATE LIBRARY in remembrance of my mother, Beatrice Wright Clifford.

Thank you for wanting to include it in the MAINE AUTHOR COLLECTION, as it is a joy and a privilege to say words of praise about the State of Maine, and to have them in the Library where others may share one's thoughts about Maine's beauty and wonder.

Thank you also for your wishes for success with SEA MIST AND BALSAM.

Sincerely yours,

Rosemary Clifford Trott

Ret
June 11, 1958

Mrs. Rosemary Clifford Trott
Freeport
Maine

Dear Mrs. Trott:

The copy of *SEA MIST AND BALSAM* has arrived, and we are grateful to you for attending to our order. Because this copy is accompanied by an invoice, we presume that it is the copy we ordered last September, and about which we recently inquired. We are certainly glad to have it, and know that it will bring much joy and delight to readers.

You mentioned a copy which you are sending for the Maine Author Collection in remembrance of your mother. We hope that this copy may be inscribed. It will lend further distinction to the collection copy to have an inscription in it.

The poems are lovely. It would be difficult to select a favorite, but we like especially *Year in the North Country*, *Apple Tree*, *New England Captain's Walk*, *Boundaries*, *Figurehead* -- oh, so many of them that it really isn't fair to mention only a few.

We hope you are encouraged and delighted by the reception of *SEA MIST AND BALSAM*. We look forward with pleasure to the arrival of the copy for the collection, and will let you know when it reaches us.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
June 30, 1958

Mrs. Rosemary Clifford Trott
Freeport
Maine

Dear Mrs. Trott:

Thank you very much for the inscribed copy of SEA MIST AND BALSAM which has been received today for the Maine Author Collection.

Your interest and generosity are warmly appreciated, and we add this delightful book to the Maine shelves with pleasure and esteem.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
The State Library
Augusta, Maine

Attention of Mrs. Hilda McLeod Jacobs:

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

As you may know, October 15 to 21 is Maine Poetry Week. The 98th Legislature passed Bill 480, Sec. 12-A to this effect.

We would very much appreciate it if you would arrange a display of books by Maine poets for the balance of the week. I tried to reach you by phone, but was unable to do so, therefore am writing to contact you.

I know this should be a project which would interest you with such fine poets as Harold Vinal, Elizabeth Coatsworth, Mabel Gould Demers and the many others in the State.

Thank you very much for any attention you may wish to give this matter.

Sincerely,
The Maine Poetry Day Association  
Yarmouth, Maine  

September 12, 1957

The State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Attention of the Librarian:

Dear Madam:

I am enclosing under separate cover a copy of THE AMERICAN FRIEND containing two poems by Rosemary Clifford Trott, Founder of Poetry Day in Maine, thinking that you might like to put it with your collection of poems by Maine poets.

TO A NEW HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS by Mrs. Trott will be published in GOOD HOUSEKEEPING in the December issue, and THE BLUE FIRE OF APRIL, one of her poems, will appear in the April issue of LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

Her book of poems, SEA MIST AND BALSAM will be published this Fall, and we are accepting advance orders at $2.50 the copy, in case you would like to order it for your Maine collection. About half of the poems have appeared in National and State publications.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

publication Chairman
THE MAINE POETRY DAY ASSOC.
September 18, 1957

The Maine Poetry Day Association
Yarmouth
Maine

Attention Mr. J. A. White
Publication Chairman

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for realizing that we would want Mrs. Trott's work in the library. We are glad to have the issue of THE AMERICAN FRIEND which you so thoughtfully sent us.

We shall certainly need SEA MIST AND BALSAM, too. Our order for the library is enclosed, and we will write to Mrs. Trott about the possibility of having it in the Maine Author Collection also.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
By

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Secretary

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